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Both GCS, Ben Rosenzweig Honored on Anniversary

by Sandra Barnes

On December 15, Greenbelt Consumer Services celebrates 32 years of operation. For much of that period, 30 years, Ben Rosenzweig, immediate past president of GCS and long-time resident of Greenbelt, has been one of its guiding forces.

Rosenzweig's career with GCS began when in 1939 he rang doorbells to solicit individual membership fees for 50 cents. For 18 years he was a member of the GCS board. For five years he was its vice president, and then served for six years as its president. In August of this year he retired from GCS, but still remains a member of the Greenbelt congress area council and assistant secretary and board member of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

Thus, Ben Rosenzweig was one of the key men responsible for the growth and survival of the community of cooperatives from the time the first co-op food store opened on Dec. 15, 1937 (in what is now Tanner's Dry Cleaners) to the present 20,000 square foot building.

His wife, Ethel, has also done her part in heading fund-raising activities which enabled GCS to sponsor scholarships in Co-op leadership training. Over the years she has spearheaded the Co-op Home-maker programs.

Both have also served the community in other endeavors. Ben and Ethel have been active in the JCC, Ben as president twice and Ethel as president of the Woman's Group. Ben has been a member of the Greenbelt delegation for 14 years and one of the founders of the Cooperative Institute Association. He has been active in Group Health Association, Navy and Pentagon Federal Credit Unions. Two years ago he retired from the Office of the Secretary of Defense where he worked as a supervising engineer for technical data and scientific information since 1945.

He is continuing to teach in the technology department of the Department of Agriculture's graduate school, as he has done for the past eighteen years.

In August, Ben and Ethel were honored at a banquet for their services to GCS. And, on October 20, 1969, Senator Joseph Tydings entered into the Congressional Record an article printed in the "Co-op Consumer" newspaper which paid special tribute to Rosenzweig and his career with GCS.

History

For the first three years of its existence, the Co-op store was run by a non-profit organization which agreed to sponsor a co-op if the residents of Greenbelt decided they wanted to own and operate the store. The whole town voted for leaders to set up a Cooperative Organizing Committee in April, 1938. A year later shareholders representing a majority of the town's families met and elected the co-op's first board of directors.

On January 9, 1940, the co-op took over the operation of the stores (GCS included a variety store, gas station, theatre, drug store and barber shop) which had 35 employees and were grossing over a third of a million dollars annually.

During this period of growth and consumer education, the Rochdale principles, the twin pine trees symbol, and the CO-OP label on merchandise became familiar. An active member education committee helped young housewives learn how to get more for their consumer dollar, and the by-laws were worked over carefully to guarantee a democratic organization.

In order to service the north end of town after the 1000 frame units were built, GCS, in January 1943, converted four of the rental units on Laurel Hill Road into a temporary grocery store, which ex-

See GCS, p. 4, col. 3

Nita Sacra Honored

City Clerk, Mrs. Nita Sacra, was honored at the November 24 meeting of the City Council, Mrs. Sacra, who is leaving her position to become a full time homemaker, was praised for her performance as city clerk-purchasing agent for fine and one-half years. City Council presented Mrs. Sacra with a handsome silver vegetable dish.

Mrs. Sacra and her husband Frank reside in the Woodlawn subdivision of Hyattsville.

"To express appreciation and good wishes to Nita P. Sacra upon her resignation . . ." City Council presented to her the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Nita P. Sacra has served the City of Greenbelt as City Clerk-Purchasing Agent for five and one-half years from May 4, 1964, to date; and

WHEREAS, during this period Mrs. Sacra has recorded the minutes of 196 meetings of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, during this period Mrs. Sacra has processed over 6,100 purchase orders; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sacra has now tendered her resignation as City Clerk-Purchasing Agent in order to devote her full time to being a wife and mother; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Greenbelt Maryland, that Nita P. Sacra hereby be commended for her loyal and efficient service to the City Council and the citizens of Greenbelt during the past five and one-half years as City Clerk-Purchasing Agent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby extends to Nita P. Sacra its regrets upon her resigning from City employment and its best wishes for her future endeavors and as a homemaker and, in the near future, a mother.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at a special meeting held November 24, 1969.

SHL Civic Association Elects Bd. of Directors

At its November meeting, the Springhill Lake Civic Association elected the following Directors: Richard Alpher, Hector Davis, Larry Goldberger, Don Gale, Joe Levin, Joe Mulvihill, and Harold Tanner.

The Springhill Lake Civic Association was originally formed to work on municipal voter registration and city elections. Emphasis is now shifting away from the political arena to community activities such as Welcome Wagon, Information Service, Representation, and Non-Partisan Political Activity.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Dec. 4, 8:30 p.m. - GHI Budget Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., Dec. 5, 10 a.m. Hearing before County Commissioners on Petition to Abandon Portion of Sanitary Landfill Road, Hyattsville.

P. G. PLANNING BOARD OKAYS GENTRY DR. PLAN

Agreement on the location and dedication of Gentry drive set the stage for the Prince Georges County Planning Board approval on Wednesday, Nov. 26, of further development of Beltway Plaza. The developer of the shopping center, Sidney Brown, has been seeking approval of a preliminary plan, known as Parcel N, for the construction of a .67-acre tract at Cherrywood Drive and Breezewood Drive for a gasoline station.

Approval had been held up for a year because of questions raised about the location and dedication of Gentry Drive - the road running alongside the A & P Supermarket which is intended to be a major access to Springhill Lake. Under the agreement reported in the Nov. 20 issue of the News Review, a 60-foot right of way for Gentry Drive would be dedicated.

The County Planning Board, however, insisted upon further conditions before granting approval. Since Gentry Drive is intended to be part of an 80-foot wide perimeter road, the planning board insisted upon reserving another 10 feet on each side of the road. However, the developer was given permission to construct in the air over the 10-foot lanes on each side at a height of 15 feet above street grade. The approved plan provides a westerly curvature in the road which will permit maximum use of the property for commercial purposes.

Also approved at the Nov. 26 meeting was a new subdivision plan submitted for a drive-in bank to be located on the six-tenths of an acre between Kenilworth Ave. and Edmonston Rd. near Greenbelt Rd., opposite the Greenbelt Junior High School. The original plan was rejected on September 24 because of poor traffic accessibility and the need for an overall plan of access to the residue of the property. The plan was amended to allow for the access to the bank to be moved further away from the corner. The access is now 250 feet from the corner, rather than 200 feet, which was accomplished through an easement on adjacent property. The petitioner was Peoples National Bank of Maryland.

Recreation Review

Class Registration: Classes are now forming for our next session. Classes which still have openings are: Pre-School Ballet, Art Lesons, Ballet, Baton, Boys Model Building, Clay Modeling, Creative Dramatics, Guitar, Modern Dance, Tap and Trampoline. Call Now! 474-6878

Elementary Boys Athletic Games: Our Greenbelt Chucks program caters to the elementary school boys physical capabilities. This popular program is FREE of charge and meets on Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. at St. Hugh's School. This program, sponsored by the Recreation Department, is led by a competent instructor. Call for information.

Youth Center Gym Closed: The Youth Center Gymnasium will be closed for floor refinishing Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 4, 5, and 6. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Program Registrations: This is your last chance to register for our Winter Programs. Please call immediately to register; call 474-6878.

Council Sees Many Unsettled Problems with School Complex

by Al Skolnik

The Prince Georges County Commissioners will be asked to "hold in abeyance" its decision on the abandonment petition filed by the county Board of Education with respect to the sanitary landfill road. The petition is scheduled for a hearing on Friday, December 5, at 10 a.m. in Hyattsville and the city was asked to acquiesce in the abandonment. At last Monday's meeting, however, the council felt that such action would be premature because of the many unsettled details that remain in the development of the 72-acre tract near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway for a three-school complex.

Among the unsettled items of business was adoption of a satisfactory preliminary subdivision plan, dedication of land for the perimeter road and for a second access road to the tract, use of school facilities for after-school hours, city acquisition of surplus acreage not needed for school purposes, and dedication of the sanitary landfill road and 4 1/4-acre sanitary landfill.

One of these items may be on the way to settlement. City manager James Giese reported that the school board at its November 25 meeting instructed its staff to revise the preliminary subdivision plan to provide for the dedication of the easterly extension of Hamilton Place to the proposed perimeter road for a second access road. The school board also enacted a motion stating that the board intends to use the surplus acreage for a future decentralized regional office for school board supervisory and administrative functions within the Greenbelt area.

Greenbelt officials feel that the

school board's decision to use the surplus acreage itself rather than to make the land available to the city was influenced by the repurchase agreement under which the former owners of the 72-acre tract have asserted their right to repurchase any school land not needed for school purposes.

Youth Center Addition

Authorization has been given the architect to proceed with final plans for the Youth Center addition. Still unsettled is the question whether the final plans will include lavatory facilities with outside access for women. Present plans call for an outside access for the men's facilities. The architect believes that such a modification would ruin the appearance of the entranceway. Giese felt that by the use of partitions in the hallway, access to the ladies' room can be made available at times when the building is closed, without access to the other parts of the addition.

In a related matter, the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board assured a hot topic for the cold winter months by recommending that the Youth Center be given a more appropriate title to reflect the fact that the building, especially with the addition, will increasingly serve other age groups besides youth. It suggested such a name as "Greenbelt Community Center" or "Greenbelt Community Recreation Center."

The council, some of whose members bore the scars of previous battles over this issue, was generally noncommittal.

Athletic Clubhouse

The council authorized Giese to enter into a lease contract with the Jaycees for the organization's use of the Athletic Clubhouse (near St. Hugh's). The Jaycees intend to do renovating work which would include installation of a new bathroom, painting, repairs to electrical wiring, and repairs to flooring and ceiling. In addition, the building will be made available to the city without charge for the operation of its summer day camp program (city to share custodial expenses). In turn, the Jaycees will not pay rent for the building and the city will pick up the utility bills for the first six months. The initial term of the lease will run for six months with an automatic renewal for a five-year period of time if the building has been returned to a clean, safe and sanitary condition.

Lake Ice Skating

The ordinance on ice skating was tightened up so as to reduce hazards. Walking or skating on Greenbelt Lake is prohibited unless the city manager authorizes skating and signs permitting skating are posted. The city manager will set standards for the condition of the ice when skating is permitted. The ordinance specifically states that skating shall be at a person's own risk. PRAB recommended approval of the ordinance but urged that the city continue to provide additional safety measures and also suggested enforcement. A question came up as to the best way for determining the thickness of the ice. A wag suggested that the fire truck be driven out on the lake.

Other Matters

The city has agreed to accept bids for the sale of bonds for the \$950,000 bond issue on Wednesday, January 14, at 11 a.m. The bonds are for 20 years.

George Beauchamp was named by Mayor Francis White as chairman of the City Elections Advisory Committee. This Committee will study and make recommendations regarding city election laws, voter qualifications, and appeals procedure.

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National Award Presented Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Recreation Director, Darold Lofgren formally presented to City Council the 1969, Maryland, Lifetime Sports Award won by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. The award, only one of which is given in each state, for outstanding achievement in programs of lifetime sports, was presented to the City by the National Recreation and Park Association, the Lifetime Sports Foundation, and the Maryland Recreation and Parks Society.

State entries were judged by the Maryland Recreation and Park Society, using established criteria based on participation, instruction, innovative approaches, community-wide involvement, and continuity. The Greenbelt Lifetime Sports program was first inaugurated under that title in 1967. A Lifetime sport is a sport for which an individual develops and maintains athletic skill, coordination and strength for his immediate satisfaction, the enjoyment of which may encourage him to continue participation in that sport throughout most of his life.

Mayor White Elected To League Council

At the annual convention of the Maryland Municipal League, held in Baltimore on Nov. 20-22, Greenbelt's mayor, Francis W. White, was elected to the League Council. In his capacity as a member-at-large, he will assist in the functions of the Council. These include approval of the budget, supervision of employment of the paid staff, making arrangements for annual conferences, and taking on some aspects of policy making.

Tipton Wins Turkey

Dickie Tipton of 8-H Southway won the teen division foul shooting contest with a score of 19 for 29. This tremendous effort resulted in a free CO-OP turkey supplied by Consumers CO-OP Market of Greenbelt. Congratulations, Dickie Tipton.

Democrats Elect Offices

The newly elected officers of the Greenbelt Democratic Club are Simon Pristop, president; Thomas White, vice-president; Margaret Baldwin, secretary; and Terry Murray, treasurer.

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Uraes Election Wards
To the Editor,

An analysis of the votes by polling place in the last election for City Council, points up the strong possibility of electing a Council that is not representative of all segments of the City. In the past, the residents of Greenbelt have been more or less homogeneous. This is not true of Greenbelt today. Today the City is divided into a number of segments, each having different needs and desires, some widely separated. These differences were well illustrated by the pattern of votes recorded in the three polling places. There were extreme variations in the proportion of votes obtained by groups of candidates among the polling places. The fact that all of the councilmen are elected citywide or at-large, raises the distinct possibility that in future elections a City Council could be elected that would represent only one segment of the City's population, or one geographic area.

If any one area gives one group of candidates an overwhelming majority of its votes, it will almost insure that anyone elected will get their major support from one or two areas, if the election is close. The only way any other candidate could obtain sufficient votes to be elected would be for the reverse to happen in one or two of the other areas. As a natural consequence, these candidates would have an obligation to that segment of the population that put them in office. We would then see candidates for council playing one area against another to garner votes in future election campaigns. This would tend to polarize the residents of Greenbelt. But far more important, this would detract from good government and a responsible City Council.

To prevent this from occurring, I recommend that the City change its present system of electing all of the members of the City Council at-large. The City should be divided into election wards, and individual councilmen elected from these wards. There are many advantages to this system aside from insuring that the Council will consist of representatives from all segments of the City. The foremost is that it will make campaigning a lot easier and less expensive. The number of voters that any one candidate has to reach is drastically reduced. It also makes it possible for the voter to better evaluate the candidates, in that the number running for office in any one ward will be a lot less than the ten we had in the last election. It will also make the councilman more responsive to his constituents. Voters will have to keep track of the voting record of a single councilman rather than five.

This system will attract more candidates to run for public office. There are many voters, I am sure who would run for elective office in their own area, but are reluctant to run city wide, either because of the cost, or the feeling that they may not be known in other areas of the City.

It should not be too difficult a task to divide the City into election wards of equal voter registration size. The determination of the number of wards, or the question of whether to elect one or two councilmen from each ward, and the size of the new City Council, are problems that can be solved readily, if politics is kept out of the deliberations, and only the welfare of the City considered.

I would suggest that the office of Mayor be determined by voters on a citywide basis. This individual represents the entire City, and should be elected directly by all of the voters.

I realize that change is a slow

Harvey Geller

Committee to Discuss
Elected School Board

The Metropolitan Government Committee chaired by Prince Georges County Delegate Eric L. Weile will hold public hearings on December 8 at Crossland Senior High School and December 11 at DuVal High School at 8 p.m.

One of the legislative proposals to be discussed aroused much interest at last Monday's Greenbelt city council meeting. This concerned the proposal to have an elected board of education.

The city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board expressed strong feelings that the school board should be elected, stating that "the arrogant disregard for community desires would not be possible if members had to depend upon community approval". The Board cited a list of examples of where such disregard has occurred under the present system of gubernatorial appointment, the chief complaints being that the school board has not usually consulted community organizations as to where new schools shall be placed and that it has resisted efforts to facilitate greater community use of schools.

The city council, however, said that it did not want to take a position on this issue until it has had more time to study all the ramifications.

Christmas Concerts
Herald the Season

Two concerts of Christmas music will be offered to the general public by the Greenbelt Concert Band and the combined choirs of Greenbelt Junior High School. The first is a 8 p.m. on December 15 at the District Heights Municipal Center, 7400 Marbury Drive. Free tickets are available at that address.

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20, the band will play at the Youth Center in Greenbelt, beginning at 2 p.m. This also is open to the general public, and no tickets are required.

The 50-piece Greenbelt Band, conducted by John Del Homme, will play traditional Christmas music, including ancient carols as well as contemporary arrangements of well-known favorites. The public—of all ages—is invited to "sing along" with the Greenbelt Junior High Choir.

Baptist Church Presents
Christmas Choral Drama

The Junior Choir of the Greenbelt Baptist Church will present the Choral Drama, "The Choir Boy Who Couldn't Sing" on Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. The story, which will be acted out in full costume by the members of the choir, is about a little boy who wants very much to sing, but he just sounds awful. After he says his prayers one night before Christmas, he is visited by an angel choir, some shepherds, three Kings, Mary, and an angel. Come see and hear what finally happens to "The Choir Boy Who Couldn't Sing."

process. Most of us are more comfortable with what is in effect, imperfect as it may be, rather than to move to a new and unknown situation. However, this change is necessary, if the City is to continue to be a viable community. I therefore, urge that this proposal be given serious consideration as soon as possible, so that it can be instituted in time for the next election in 1971.

Margaret Smith
Gerald Smith

Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) Smith and son, Gerald, were killed on November 28 when a tractor-truck crossed the median strip on the Susquehanna River Bridge (I-95) and crashed into the Smith car. The Smith family was returning to their home at 111 White Birch Court after spending the Thanksgiving holiday with relatives and friends in New Jersey. Injured, but in satisfactory condition at Walter Reed Hospital are Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Smith and sons, Douglas, age 14, and Ronald, age 13. The boys attend Greenbelt Junior High School.

Mrs. Smith, age 36, attended Southern University, Louisiana. She was active in the Greenbelt Boys Club, Boxwood Citizens Association, Boxwood Bowling League and "The Let's Talk It Over" programs held at St. Hugh's Church. Gerald E., age 7, was a second grade student at North End Elementary School.

A memorial fund has been set up, part of which will go to the Greenbelt Boys Club in memory of Mrs. Smith, and part to the North End Library in memory of Gerald. Donations may be sent to the Margaret (Peggy) Smith Fund, Box 142, Greenbelt.

Funeral services were held at Greenbelt Community Church on December 3 and interment will be in San Antonio, Texas.

TURKEY TROT
RACE RESULTS

On Sunday, November 30, 67 runners from age 8-69 participated in the annual Turkey Trot long distance running races sponsored by the Greenbelt JAYCEES to promote Physical Fitness. Runners from Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania and Baltimore competed for 25 trophies on a cold day. The Washington area is one of the few areas which have long distance races all year round. JAYCEES manned the turns and served refreshments to the runners afterwards.

In the featured 20-mile race former U. S. Marathon Champion Gar Williams defeated a field of 16, winning in 2:03:02 by a minute over Bob Thurston of Silver Spring with Al Barnes of Greenbelt, 8th in 2:21:33. The 5 and 1/2 mile handicap race was won by Bruce Burnside of Rockville in 44:01 (actual time 41:41). Greenbelter's finished as follows: Milt Greenbaum, 2nd, Larry Noel, 8th (31:45), Jim Woodell, 13th, Mark Siegel, age 10, 16th, Harvey Geller, 20th and Syd Conger, 23rd. The noncompetitive 2 Mile-Run-For-Your-Life was won by Dave Brown of Rockville in 11:13; Nelson Oertel was the first Greenbelter in 10th in 13:17, followed by John Noel, 21st, Joey O'Loughlin, 23rd and Pamela Siegel 27th.

Bob Hoekner, a member of Greenbelt's Jogging Program, received a trophy for having jogged over 680 miles in a year.

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CITY COUNCIL from p. 1

dures.

The city is seeking to fill a vacancy on PRAB with a youth representative. PRAB Chairman Hugh Jascourt said that the committee is often handicapped because it doesn't get the views of youth on specific items.

The council approved a low bid of \$10,980 submitted by Edmund Hollin Co. for the construction of a bunkhouse addition to the Greenbelt Firehouse.

The council approved a request by the PTA's for the erection of signs proclaiming Greenbelt as a court parent town.

Gary Stenhouse was named temporary city clerk and Mrs. Helen White as his assistant in taking notes.

Council granted city employees a half-day holiday on December 24 and 31. It also decided to take a holiday itself (unless convened for emergency purposes) by scheduling the next regular meeting for Monday, January 5, 1970.

ADVENT SERVICES

Services will be conducted at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, each Wednesday evening during the season of Advent. The Advent Vesper services begin at 8 p.m. and are meant particularly for adults and older children. A half-hour service for children begins at 7 p.m.

On Dec. 10, the children are invited to bring gifts to be distributed among the patients at Glendale Hospital. On Dec. 17, the church choir, under the direction of Miss Ann Falkenheim, will present a concert of Advent and Christmas music. On Dec. 24, the children will participate in a Christmas Eve Service.

The community is invited to worship at these services.

Rubin Berdansky

Mr. Rubin Berdansky, 34-A Ridge, died on December 1. A retired businessman, he was a member of the Mishkan Torah and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. He is survived by his wife, Gussie, his son Gerald Berdansky of Silver Spring and six grandchildren.

County Recreation
Committee to Meet

Recreation groups from the local area will meet with the Prince Georges County Recreation Advisory Committee on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the County Recreation Department Conference Room at 3700 East West Highway, Hyattsville.

The purpose of the meeting is informal discussion to consider special needs, problems, or concerns in the recreation area.

Greenbelt's Park and Recreation Advisory Board has indicated that it would like to discuss the following items with the county Advisory Committee:

Use of school facilities; merger of recreation and park functions; role of Greenbelt Recreation Department; county services to Boys Club; Greenbelt's receipt of a fair share of the county recreation budget; encouragement of county-wide co-op recreation planning; improvement of county playground program; and summer maintenance of school fields.

U.S. ARMY EXHIBIT

The United States Army's role as defender of the nation is outlined in a new exhibit that will be on display at the Municipal Bldg. in Greenbelt, Dec. 27-31.

Entitled U. S. Army - A Heritage of Freedom, the indoor display makes effective use of photographic reproductions of paintings by some of America's great military artists to tell its story.

Each painting depicts a scene from a battle in which the nation took part - from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam.

Soldier-attendants will be on hand to answer visitors' questions.

During its showing in Greenbelt, this nation-touring of the Army exhibit will be open to the public free of charge.

Thanks

To the Editor:

I would like to express my deepest thanks to our efficient Rescue Squad for transporting me to the hospital on Thanksgiving Eve.

Nick Pergola

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George Hammond Speaks On Traffic Problems

At the meeting of the Greenbelt Jaycees held last Thursday, Nov. 20, George Hammond, Traffic Director of the AAA, and Albert "Buddy" Attick, Supt. of Public Works of Greenbelt, spoke of traffic problems here in Greenbelt. Hammond stated that lighting conditions on Greenbelt Rd. were very inadequate. He cited the absence of lights on the north side of the road in the vicinity of the Beltway Plaza and the absence of lights on both sides of the road near Greenbelt Park. Even more serious are conditions at the intersection of Glenn Dale Rd. and the Baltimore-Washington Expressway. Attick explained that the problem of jurisdiction at that point further complicated the issue.

When asked why these conditions exist, Hammond said that they stem from inadequate funding and that these problems constantly perplex him. As a former national director of the Jaycees, Hammond urged the Greenbelt Jaycees, to take the lead in seeing that these traffic hazards are eliminated.

At the next meeting of the Greenbelt Jaycees, featured speakers will be Al Schraeder, Promotion Director of the Washington Evening Star, and Blaine Davis, Promotion Manager of the Star. The meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Municipal Bldg., Dec. 4 at 8 p.m.

The Police Blotter

Two vacancies have occurred on the police force, and the department is looking for qualified personnel to fill them. Also needed are a full-time and a part-time dispatcher.

Pointers for Mailing

The disappointments of late delivery of Christmas mail can be avoided by observing the following suggestions: Gift parcels to distant states should be mailed by Dec. 1, greeting cards, by Dec. 10; parcels to local and nearby areas by Dec. 13, cards, by Dec. 15; enclose name of sender and addressee in packages; use ZIP codes.

Woman's Club News

The December Board Meeting of the Women's Club of Greenbelt will be held on Thurs., Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Hill, 109 Northway. The Club's annual Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Social Room of the Community Church. The program will feature packaging of homemade cookies to be furnished to veterans at area hospitals. Also, carol singing and a Christmas Tree Gift Exchange will take place. Mrs. Henley Goode, Chairman will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Link.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Parker, 9300 Edmonston, who captured the National Mixed Pairs Bridge Championship. According to the Washington Post, "In the 40-year history of this event, the Parkers are the youngest pair ever to have won this championship. Each of them is under 28." The original entry in the field was 724 pairs.

The winning combination of Joe Nusinov and Gladys Stambler proved triumphant again at last Friday's duplicate bridge session. The winning margin was, however, a mere half-point over the runners-up Sid Barnett and Elsie Holtzclaw. Next game: Friday, December 12.

A happy-birthday to Mark Crabtree, 2-D Northway, who celebrated his ninth birthday.

The very best of everything to Mrs. Nita Sacra, who has donned the title of "Full Time Homemaker" after five and a half years service as Greenbelt's City Clerk. Nita, were going to miss you!

Happy Birthday to John Shabe, 1-C Northway, who celebrated his sixth birthday. We also wish John a speedy recovery and hope that he will soon be home from the Washington Hospital Center.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Gussie Berdansk, 34-A Ridge, who lost her husband, Rubin on Monday.

Congratulations to Kelly Thompson, who celebrated his first birthday on Nov. 21.

MNCPPC Computes Population Growth

Prince Georges County's population of 657,100 is now greater than that of the States of Alaska, Nevada, Vermont, Wyoming, Delaware and North Dakota. The figure, as of January 1, 1969, is the latest estimate computed by the Research Division of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Also estimated by MNCPPC is the population and house counts for municipalities in the county. Greenbelt had an estimated population of 19,570 as of January 1, 1969, compared with 17,540 as of January 1, 1968. The breakdown of housing as of January 1, 1969 was 2,075 one and two family units and 4,401 apartment units. This was an increase of 20 one and two family units and 197 apartment units since the year before.

MULTI-SENSE DRAMA

Three free performances of the in-depth sense drama "Beyond the Linear" will be held December 6 at 7, 9 and 11 p.m. in room 205 of the Tawes Fine Arts Building on the University of Maryland's College Park Campus.

The student group which is producing the show, describes "Beyond the Linear" as a multi-sensory environment, an environment in which the individual may be actively engaged—in a "cool way."

Schedule of Events For P.G. Comm. College

Various activities are scheduled for December at Prince George's Community College. All of these are open to the public. For further information about any of these events you should contact the Student Activities Office at 336-6000, ext. 248.

Dec. 8—Basketball vs., Comm. Coll. Balt. at 8 p.m.

Dec. 10—Basketball vs., Allegheny Comm. Coll. at 8 p.m.

Dec. 11, 12 & 13 — Musical - "Mame." Fine Arts Auditorium at 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 14—Musical - "Mame." Fine Arts Aud. at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 16—PGCC Choral Concert. Fine Arts Aud. at 8:15 p.m.

Dec. 17—Faculty Viewpoint - Phi Theta Kappa James Hart speaks on "The Scorpion and The Trantula." Staff Lounge at 3 p.m.

Dec. 19—Film - "Cat Ballou" with Lee Marvin. Fine Arts Aud. at 9 p.m.

Tapes Sent to Servicemen

The American Red Cross, through its "Voices From Home" program, enables you to talk to a member of your family serving in the Armed Forces overseas.

Volunteers can help you record your message, and will take a color snapshot which they will send with the tape. This service is available at the Prince George's County Chapter House, 6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, (near Prince George's Plaza) until Dec. 12. Call 927-4400 ext. 45 for an appointment or additional information.

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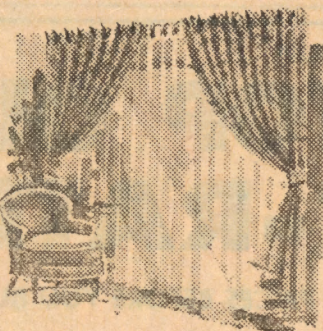
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Third Analysis

Survey Rates Recreational Facilities

by Gary Stenhouse

Administrative Assistant to City Manager

The third in a series of articles concerning voter attitudes deals with two questions asked in the September questionnaire. In one question voters were asked to rate use of City recreation facilities by themselves and their families, while in the second respondents were asked to check from a list of 18 items those facilities they would like to see provided in the city.

Question 1.

The survey shows that Greenbelt Lake Park is used by most residents of the city. In fact, few residents have never been to the park. The popularity of Greenbelt Lake over most other facilities can possibly be attributed to the fact that it provides facilities for varied recreation interests, including picnicking, jogging, fishing, boating, and hiking.

Tennis courts are a facility for special interests; thus, use of tennis courts can be expected to be lower than use of general recreation facilities. Single family residents play the most tennis, while Springhill Lake voters were probably rating use of their own non-City courts.

Greenbelt's Youth Center enjoys relatively high community use except by residents of Springhill Lake. In fact, 75% of the respondents in Springhill Lake stated that they or their families had never been in the Youth Center. It is probable Springhill Lakers don't use the Youth Center because

of recreation programming available in that subdivision, both privately and City operated, and because of Springhill Lake's physical isolation from the Youth Center. Also, in spite of increased publicity in Springhill Lake, many residents may still be unaware of the Youth Center's existence and the varied activities available to them.

Not surprisingly, residents of single-family housing enjoy the widest use of nearly all City recreation facilities. One important reason is that more single family respondents had children than was true in the other areas of the city. This question also was probably misunderstood more than any other question in the survey. For example, it appears that sometimes Springhill Lake residents rate use of City facilities and at other times use of private facilities. Another problem is that respondents throughout the city may have rated their own use of some facilities and forgotten about other family members. Despite these drawbacks the results probably give a fairly good general picture of recreation use.

Use of City Facilities by Voters and Families

	Frequently	Occasionally	Seldom	Never
Greenbelt Lake Park	19%	48%	20%	13%
Playgrounds	22%	28%	18%	32%
Tennis Courts	11%	22%	19%	48%
Outdoor Basketball Courts	8%	19%	18%	55%
Athletic Fields	16%	23%	18%	33%
Youth Center	16%	22%	16%	46%

Question 2.

Each of the 18 named facilities could mathematically have received 1,382 responses for 100%. Of course, with so many types of facilities as choices, voters were much more selective in what they wanted. The greatest support for an item was 49% of the respondents, the least 7%.

Of the five most desired facilities, three were concerned with traffic and vehicles. These were access roads to Springhill Lake, No. 1, the perimeter road, No. 3, and additional parking spaces, No. 5. The desire for better access roads to Springhill Lake scored highest in Springhill Lake (87%) but also did well in other areas of the city. (31%).

The perimeter road did best in Springhill Lake and single-family housing areas, while additional parking was desired by G.H.I. and Springhill Lake residents. The fact that Springhill Lake access was rated high in all areas, even though a problem to only one, indicates the voters' interest in solving problems throughout the community even when not directly benefiting them.

Two recreation facilities that have been talked about for years showed strong support throughout the city and rated No. 2 and 4 in the top five choices. These are an indoor swimming pool and artificial ice rink.

Other recreation facilities receiving strong support were more

parklands, an arts center, a zoo, and playgrounds, picnic areas, and tennis courts.

The question of the need for additional gymnasiums has been an issue lately. Apparently, however, this sample of city voters does not believe the need for gyms to be as critical as many other facilities. In Springhill Lake, where there is no readily available gym space, the need was felt highest. However, even there it scored 12th out of 18 choices.

New Facilities Desired by Respondents Expressed as % in Order of Preference

Access Road to Springhill Lake	49%
Indoor Swimming Pool	45%
Perimeter Road	37%
Artificial Ice Rink	36%
More Parking Spaces	33%
More Parklands	30%
Arts Center	26%
Small Zoo or Animal Farm	24%
More Tennis Courts	20%
More Playgrounds	20%
More Picnic Facilities	20%
Par 3 Golf Course	18%
Jogging Trails	17%
More Gyms	14%
Minibike Track	12%
More Softball Fields	9%
More Baseball Fields	8%
More Football Fields	7%

These questionnaire results have proved to be interesting and informative to City officials.

GCS from p. 1

isted until 1950. GCS also established a Co-op Pantry, or traveling market—a store on wheels that made the rounds of the town daily with varied stock of groceries, fruits and other supplies. This service continued until September 1950.

A bus line was also established by GCS in 1945, bringing customers from all parts of the town to the center. The charge was a nickel. The bus driver even delivered prescriptions from the drug store.

In 1944, GCS embarked on an expansion program with a stock drive to raise enough members' capital to provide new facilities in Greenbelt. This culminated in the opening of Greenbelt's new supermarket on November 9, 1948.

In August 1953, GCS purchased the land under the supermarket plus an adjacent tract of 20,000 square feet. When the rest of the commercial properties were sold to a private real estate firm in October, 1954, GCS decided to vacate its various stores in the center and consolidate its food, drug, and general merchandise operations into the supermarket building. The latter building was expanded at a cost of \$200,000 for this purpose. Also vacated in 1956 was the old gasoline station when GCS opened up a new \$100,000 station on Southway. And in the next several years, GCS opened food stores in many other areas outside Greenbelt.

Robert E. Murrow now serves as president of GCS. He is best known to present-day residents for his speedy action in working with the Greenbelt Area Degelation to get rebuilding underway following the disastrous fire which gutted the co-op supermarket in the spring of 1962.

First day sales were \$11.45 to 24 customers when Greenbelt's first food store opened October 3, 1937. Today Greenbelt Consumer Services serves shopping needs of over 30,000 members and thousands of other consumers through 22 supermarkets, 6 drug stores, 9 service stations and 6 Scan stores.

(Ed. note: the above history is excerpted from the 25th Anniversary issue of the city of Greenbelt)

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City Notes

With the breakdown of a refuse truck and with the standby truck not yet in repair, the city's trash collection crew was still able to maintain nearly normal service over the Thanksgiving Day holiday period by working on the holiday and by using an open bed truck as a substitute.

Leaf pickups got a little behind schedule, however, when an essential part of the leaf vacuum machine broke down. This was a small pump which works the hydraulic dumping mechanism. The machine was back in service for half a day on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, but then the part broke down again. In the meantime, the special trash detail has been collecting bagged leaves throughout the city.

The Public Works crew finished concrete work for the animal pens at the Municipal Service Building, as well as a walkway before the pens. Sodding was also completed around the Municipal Building, and further work performed in rebuilding the storm drain between 6 and 8 courts of Crescent. The new manhole is now installed and drain pipes leading to the manhole on both sides have been more solidly supported.

The auto mechanic installed a new engine in a police car and has been servicing all the other police cars. Several of the present cars will be advertised for sale along with a group of county police cars.

Need a Xmas Tree?
Cut Your Own

If you are looking for a good week-end activity, why not take the family out to cut your own Christmas tree, suggests a University of Maryland horticulturist.

This once-popular activity is making a comeback as more tree farms are instituting a "cut your own" policy, says Dr. Francis R. Gouin, Extension horticulturist.

If you want to renew an old family tradition — or introduce a new one into this year's holiday activities, how about taking the family out to a Christmas tree farm to choose and cut your tree.

You will be sure of getting a fresh tree if you cut your own, Dr. Gouin points out, and fresh trees are more attractive and more fire resistant. Fresh trees are full of sap and their cells have more water in them than if the tree has been cut for several months and stored or transported for long distances.

To be sure of getting a freshly cut tree, ask for a Maryland grown tree. Dr. Gouin suggests. The Maryland Christmas Tree Growers are delaying cutting their trees until the customers are ready for them.

For the nearest Christmas tree farm, contact your local County Cooperative Extension Service office listed in the telephone book under County Government.

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